LOCAL RULE COVERSHEET

This coversheet must be attached or included with all local rule submissions to the Division of State Court Administration.

County: <u>Vanderburgh</u>
Courts Included: All Superior Courts and Circuit Court
Contact Name / Phone Number: Kelly Ward 435-5433
Are the attached rules:
Previously enacted with no changes and submitted solely for posting to the Internet;
Newly revised or redrafted and submitted for posting to the Internet and comment:
A mixture or prior rules and new revisions.
Do any of the rules contained in this packet:
Make changes to local rules pursuant to Crim. R. 2.2
Make changes to local rules pursuant to Trial R. 79
Make changes to local rules with respect to caseload allocation and Weighted Caseload
Makes changes to local rules for court reporters pursuant to Admin.R.

VANDERBURGH SUPERIOR COURT

Courts Building Civic Center Complex 825 Sycamore Street Evansville, IN 47708

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J. DOUGLAS KNIGHT, Judge Room 118

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RICHARD G. D'AMOUR, Magistrate

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RENÉE ALLEN FERGUSON, Magistrate

MARY MARGARET LLOYD, Judge

Room 126H ALLEN R. HAMILTON, Magistrate

Room 218 BRETT J. NIEMEIER, Judge

Room 126F JILL R. MARCRUM, Magistrate

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NOTICE

Please be advised the Vanderburgh Circuit and Superior Courts has proposed a new rule adding sections (G) and (H) to LR82-SC00-S1.05 regarding the use of rent and damage forms and subpoening non-parties at initial hearing. Copies of the proposed rules are available in the William H. Miller Law Library, Room 207 Courts Building, Civic Center Complex or you can view the proposed rules online at http://www.in.gov/judiciary/rules/local/ or on the Superior Court page at http://www.vanderburghgov.org.

Written comments regarding said rule changes shall be directed to Kelly Ward, Court Administrator, Courts Building Room 114, Civic Center Complex, 825 Sycamore Street, Evansville, IN 47708. Comments will be received until November 7, 2008.

Pursuant to the Indiana Supreme Court Schedule and Format for Adoption of Local Court Rules, the Court shall review and study the comments received and make changes to the proposed rules as deemed advisable. Thereafter, the Court shall adopt the final local rules on November 7, 2008 to be effective said day.

LR82-SC00-S1.05 Superior Court Small Claims

All Small Claims matters are assigned to Division Six wherein the following Rules will apply:

- (A) Service. On first appearance the Court will not allow service of process to be sent to the defendant's employer. On Proceeding Supplemental the Court will consider proper service for the purpose of obtaining an order of garnishment when service is good upon the employer, even though service may not be good upon the defendant. When the employer refuses service, it can be considered sufficient service for the purpose of an order of garnishment only. Service may be obtained by a process server if an affidavit of service is filed.
- **(B) Attorney Fees.** Attorney's fees are awarded solely for the principal amount of the debt.
- (C) Claim for Insufficient Funds. Upon filing of a claim for insufficient funds on bad checks where multiple statutory remedies are available, the claimant should elect which remedy is being requested and list the same on the statement of claim.
- (D) Proceedings Supplemental Judgment Entry. Parties must wait seven (7) days after obtaining a judgment before filing a Proceedings Supplemental, and the Judgment Entry must be filed with the Court prior to the Proceedings Supplemental being filed.
- **(E) Proceedings Supplemental - Hearings.** Proceedings Supplemental hearings shall not be continued for progress after an order of garnishment or a personal order of garnishment has been obtained. To proceed on an information for contempt, a Proceedings Supplemental must have been filed and an order of garnishment or personal order of garnishment obtained.
- (F) All Cases To Have Future Date. No cases will be continued without

date.

- Claims for Rent and Damages. All claims for rent and damages on leased property must be documented by a back rent and damages form available in the Small Claims Office, Room 223-1. This includes "judgments on proof" taken after the tenant has vacated the property, or claims for rent & damages sought on an initial appearance on a statement of claim.
- (H) Non-Parties. Non-parties may be subpoenaed for initial hearings only upon leave of court.